

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 563

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Joe and Billie Colorigh on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as models for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, since that glorious day when Joe Colorigh and Billie Jean Gunter were joined in holy matrimony, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Colorigh have been highly respected citizens of the Joelton community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the Colorighs met and fell in love while working together at Rottero's Florist in Joelton; growing concerned that Joe and Billie would elope, Joe and Billie's boss and priest, Mrs. Rottero and Father O'Donnell, respectively, intervened and handled the wedding preparations so that the young couple could have a proper church wedding; and

WHEREAS, after the couple gained permission from Rome to be married, friends took Joe and Billie to Our Lady of the Mount Church on Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, where they were married; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced five children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Colorigh's children are Kenneth Edward, Sandra Kay, Donna Gail, Kathy Lynn, and Joseph Christopher; and

WHEREAS, the Colorighs are thrilled and delighted to be called NaNaw and PaPaw by their nine grandchildren: Shannon Renee; Kendall Nicole; Lindsey Michelle; Jason Walker; Jan Allison; Andrew Ryan; Keri Ann; Angela Nichole; and Ashlie Marie; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Billie Colorigh are extremely proud of the special bond that they have formed with each of their children, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Edward is most appreciative of the love and support that both parents have given him throughout his life and especially remembers the hunting and fishing trips that Joe took him on; he would also like to thank Billie for not telling his brother and sisters that he was always the favorite, but diplomatically allowing everyone to think they were her favorite; and

WHEREAS, Billie Colorigh always put her children and their wants and needs above her own, selflessly denying herself little pleasures and luxuries; it is this giving nature that her daughter, Sandra Kay, will always remember most about her mother; her many sacrifices included wearing the same coat for several years so that she could make dresses for her daughters, in addition to saving her money to purchase Sandra's first store-bought dress; and

WHEREAS, Donna Gail fondly remembers and greatly treasures the memories from a certain trip to Hawaii that Joe and Billie Colorigh made with Donna Gail and her family and is especially appreciative of the two church weddings that Joe and Bille provided for her; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Lynn would like to thank Joe and Billie for their patience and love, in addition to all of the trips to the emergency room they made with their accident-prone daughter; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Christopher would also like to thank his parents for their love, patience, and calm demeanor, particularly during an incident when the back window of their brand-new station wagon was shot out by their youngest child; and

WHEREAS, the Colorighs have devoted their days to caring for their family and providing a place of warmth and love that their children and grandchildren still call home; and

WHEREAS, Wilma, Kenneth, Jeff, Edward, and Pam would like to express their undying gratitude to Joe and Billie Colorigh for welcoming them into the family and giving them the loves of their lives; and

WHEREAS, as they grow up, the grandchildren will look back fondly at their childhood and remember with a smile the moments of playing with NaNaw's hair, along with all of the fishing trips PaPaw took them on; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, when they are not spending time with their close-knit family, the Colorighs enjoy fishing on their bass boat, which has the great distinction of being the only boat in town with a bathroom on board; they are also avid Vanderbilt University fans; and

WHEREAS, Billie and Joe Colorigh's marriage is truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society was built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Joe and Billie Colorigh on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.